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We were notified this week that the City of Franklin has been awarded for **Excellence in Green Leadership** by the **Tennessee Municipal League (TML)**. The award will be presented at TML's annual conference in Gatlinburg, June 15<sup>th</sup>. We are very excited to get this prestigious award from the Tennessee Municipal League. Victoria South with TML said, "We are proud of what we have observed within your community in the area of green initiatives."

**Jackson National Life Insurance Company®** (Jackson®), a Lansing, Michigan-based company announced this week they will establish a regional headquarters in Franklin. The company will initially occupy temporary space at Nine Corporate Center in June and move into 90,000 square feet of space at One Greenway in January 2011. Jackson will take over an additional 30,000 square feet of space at One Greenway in January 2012 and another 30,000 square feet in mid-2013. The total amount of square footage in the lease will provide enough space to house up to 750 Jackson employees (mostly comprised of new, local hires!). Jackson Life also showed they are committed to being an active, supportive corporate citizen with the announcement of a **\$250,000 donation to flood relief in the region**. This project is a major "win" from an economic development standpoint and is the fruit of over two years of effort between the City, County and State. **Franklin was selected through a national search that included 44 other cities across the country.** Great work by our community and State development team!

**Sister Cities of Franklin and Williamson County** is kicking off a new series called **"Passport to the World"** June 6, at the **Franklin Library**. This series will provide an authentic and personal look into the splendor of our continents around the globe. The bi-monthly series will walk you through the doorways of the world into our seven continents to experience the art, music, food, lifestyle, landscape and heritage of our international neighbors. **The first presentation will feature speakers from the Consulate-General of Japan in Nashville. The program will feature Japanese culture, the language and connections in Tennessee, and an opportunity to try Japanese cuisine and clothes. It will be Sunday, June 6 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

On Monday, **Williamson County is holding their annual Veterans Day event** beginning at 10:00 a.m. **County Mayor Rogers Anderson** and **Franklin Mayor John Schroer** will speak at the event. The ceremony will be held at the Five Points Intersection in downtown Franklin.

I am enjoying a long weekend on the lake with my family (both sides of the family with up to 30 people at one time or another!); I hope all of you get some rest and the opportunity to spend time with your loved ones. **Have a safe and happy Memorial Day. Let's all keep in mind the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice to provide the freedom and prosperity our country enjoys.**

***Excellence, Innovation, Teamwork, Integrity, Action-Oriented***